

**APOPTOSIS INHIBITOR**

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**Abstract**

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To obtain the subject inhibitor inhibiting apoptosis, preventing cell death inconvenient for living bodies, such as cell death on autoimmune diseases or viral infections, and the denaturation of nerve cells, and useful for treating and preventing virus-related diseases, collagen disease, etc., by compounding a specific compound as an active ingredient.

**SOLUTION:** This apoptosis inhibitor contains licoricidinol of the formula or its pharmacologically acceptable salt as an active ingredient. The compound of the formula is an active substance existing in liliaceae plants and is obtained, for example, by isolating and purifying the compound of the formula from the active substances. The licoricidinol or its pharmacologically acceptable salt is preferably administered at a dose of 0.1-20 mg per kg of the body weight of a patient as licoricidinol hydrochloride.

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